

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region, Butte County
– *Resolution Approving the Pretreatment Program*

The Regional Board proposes to adopt a resolution approving the pretreatment program submitted by the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region (SCOR).

SCOR was created in 1973 under a joint powers agreement between the City of Oroville, Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, and Thermalito Irrigation District. These three entities own and operate the collection systems within their respective boundaries which discharge to the treatment works owned by SCOR.

On 11 June 1999, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-065 (NPDES No. CA0079235) which required SCOR to develop and implement a pretreatment program within one year. The Code of Federal Regulations, Section 403.8(a), requires development of a pretreatment program for publicly owned treatment works with a design flow of greater than 5 million gallons per day (mgd) with industrial users subject to federal categorical Pretreatment Standards. The design flow of SCOR's wastewater treatment plant is 6.5 mgd. SCOR has identified at least four industrial users subject to federal categorical Pretreatment Standards. The purpose of a pretreatment program is to protect the treatment plant and the environment from adverse impacts that may occur when hazardous or toxic wastes are discharged into the sewer

system.

On 23 February 2000, SCOR adopted a resolution to implement and enforce the pretreatment program. Federal regulations require SCOR to have the authority and obligation to implement and enforce pretreatment standards and requirements for every industrial user that discharges to its facility. Multijurisdiction agreements with SCOR were adopted by the three contributing agencies, to grant such authority over industrial users within their jurisdictions.

SCOR submitted a draft pretreatment program for approval on 23 March 2000. On 22 May 2000, after review of the submittal, staff determined that the submittal was not complete and requested additional information. On 5 July 2000, the requested information was received and staff made a preliminary determination of completeness. On 10 August 2000 a public notice was published concerning the request for approval of the pretreatment program. Copies of the public notice were sent to SCOR's significant industrial users. On 14 September 2000, the Board received comments from Blount Inc. RCBS Operation, Mr. Wizzard's Printed Circuits, and Spectra-Physics (Attachment 1). On 15 September 2000 the Board received comments from Sierra Pacific Packaging, Inc. (Attachment 2). Staff determined that the comments did not pertain to the approvability of the pretreatment program. In general the comments dealt with issues outside the authority of the Regional Board. On 26 September 2000, Board staff responded to the industrial users comments (Attachments 3 and 4). Staff has determined that the

pretreatment program is approvable.

Typically after approval of a pretreatment program, the waste discharge requirements are amended to include pretreatment language required by federal regulations. Order No. 99•065 already includes the appropriate federal language.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution approving the pretreatment program.

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Legal Review _____